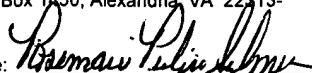


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 7, 2006 (Paper No. 03012006), for which a response was due on June 7, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 7, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.